



Powerstown Educate Together National School

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Powerstown Educate Together National School ANNUAL ADMISSION NOTICE for 2025/2026 school year MAINSTREAM CLASSES

Admission Policy and Application Form

A copy of the school's **Admission Policy** and the **Application Form for Admission** for the 2025/2026 school year is available as follows: –

To download at: www.powerstownet.com

On request: By emailing info@powerstownet.com or writing to: Admissions, Powerstown ETNS, Powerstown Rd, Tyrrelstown, D15VR80

PART 1 - Admissions to the 2025/2026 school year

Application and Decision Dates for admission to PETNS for 2025/2028

The following are the dates applicable for admission to Junior Infants

1. The school will commence accepting applications for admission on	1/11/2024
2. The school shall cease accepting applications for admission on	22/11/2024 @2pm
3. The date by which applicants will be notified of the decision on their application is	29/11/2024
4. The period within which applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer of admission is	6/12/2024

Note: applications made after the 22/11/2024 will be processed as late applications, the school will consider and issue decisions on late applications in accordance with the school's admission policy.

Failure of an applicant to accept an offer by the 6/12/2024 may result in the offer being withdrawn.

Other Year Groups Application and Decision Dates for admission to 2025/2026

The following are the dates applicable for admission to other year groups (Senior Infants to 6th class)

1. The school will commence accepting applications for admission to other year groups on	28/4/2025
2. The school shall cease accepting applications for admission to other year groups on	28/05/2025 @2pm
3. The date by which applicants will be notified of the decision on their application is	6/6/2025
4. The period within which applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer of admission is	13/06/2025

Note: applications made after the 28/05/2025 will be processed as late applications, the school will consider and issue decisions on late applications in accordance with the school's admission policy.

Failure of an applicant to accept an offer by the 13/06/2025 may result in the offer being withdrawn.

Number of places being made available in 2025/2026

The number of places being made available in junior infants	48
The number of places being made available in other year groups is	*max of 24 children per class

PART 2 - Admissions to the 2024/2025 school year

Information regarding the admission process for Junior Infants for the 2022/23 school year

In respect of the 2023/2024 school year, the total number of applications for admission received by the school was 63

Breakdown of places allocated for the 24/25 school year:	
Number of places available:	52
Number of applications received:	77
Number of Offers made and accepted under each criteria:	65 offered – 29 accepted Late applications 12 0 offered
Total number of offers made	66
Number of names placed on waiting list for the school year concerned.	2 No response: 8

EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES

The Board of Management has a duty of care to ensure as far as practicable the health and safety of the students and staff of the school. In addition, the Board of Management is required under section 15(1) of the Education Act 1998 to provide, or cause to be provided, an appropriate education for each student at the school for which that board has responsibility. An application for admission may be refused, therefore, where the admission of the applicant would pose a significant risk to the health and safety of the applicant or students and staff of the school, or risk significantly interfering with the right of other students to an appropriate education.

PROCEDURES FOR ADMISSION OF STUDENTS TO OTHER YEARS & DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR

NEW APPLICATIONS SENIOR INFANTS TO 6TH CLASS *IMMEDIATE START*

- Applications for these classes will be considered, subject to places being available in the relevant class(es) and having regard to existing waiting lists.
- Applications for these classes must be made available in writing via application form.
- Child must be transferring from another primary school or another appropriate educational setting.
- Parents must furnish PETNS with reports from previous school prior to enrolment.
- These applications will be considered on the basis of criteria set out in Admission's Notice
- Please note that your child's previous school will be contacted by Powerstown ETNS prior to enrolment / your child starting school.
- Your child must transfer to the same class level as they are presently in (i.e. children are not permitted to "skip" a class").
- Your child's age must correspond with our age criteria whereby he/she is 4 years of age by 1st of June before commencing school
- Please refer to Appendix 2 which details class and grade levels across countries.
- **Once offered a place, child must start school within 7 working days.**
- If child does not start school within 7 working days, the offer of place is withdrawn.

NEW APPLICATIONS SENIOR INFANTS TO 6TH CLASS *FORTHCOMING ACADEMIC YEAR*

- Parents/Guardians are encouraged to complete expression of interest in enrolment form.
- Application forms are accepted from **(28/4/25)**
- Parents/Guardians have 7 working days to return application forms.
- Applications for these classes will be considered, subject to places being available in the relevant class(es) and having regard to existing waiting lists.
- Places are offered by the **06/06/25.**
- Places must be accepted by **13/06/25.** If place is not accepted by this date, the offer is withdrawn and place offered to next child on our waiting list.
- **Child must start school within the first 7 days of the forthcoming school year*.** If child does not start school within the first 7 days, the offer of a place is withdrawn and place is offered to next child on our waiting list.

****The Board of Management may consider exceptional circumstances, if brought to their attention by the parents/guardians.***

- Child must be transferring from another primary school or another appropriate educational setting.
- Parents must furnish PETNS with reports from previous school prior to enrolment.
- These applications will be considered on the basis of the sibling criteria.
- Please note that your child's previous school will be contacted by Powerstown ETNS prior to enrolment / your child starting school.
- Your child must transfer to the same class level as they are presently in (i.e. children are not permitted to "skip" a class").
- Your child's age must correspond with our age criteria whereby he/she is 4 years of age by 1st of June before commencing school.
- Please refer to Appendix 2 which details class and grade levels across countries.

OVERSUBSCRIPTION: SENIOR INFANTS – 6TH CLASS

If Powerstown ETNS is oversubscribed, the school will, when deciding on applications for admission, apply the following selection criteria in the order listed below. It will be applied to those applications that are received within the timeline for receipt of applications as set out in the school's annual admission notice for other year groups. Students must be moving to the next year group if the application is for September or to the same year if applying to move during the school year:

Priority Category 1:

- Applicant students who are siblings of children, enrolled in the school and applicants age corresponds with being 4 years of age on or before 1st June of the year of admission into Junior Infants.

Priority Category 2:

- Applicants age corresponds with having reached 4 years of age on or before 1st June of the year of admission into Junior Infants.

Priority Category 3:

- In the event that there are two or more students tied for a place or places in any of the selection criteria categories above (the number of applicants exceeds the number of remaining places), places will be offered or added to a waiting list by the earlier date of birth of the student.

MAINSTREAM CLASS SIZE

In 2018 the Department of Education reduced the pupil teacher ratio to 26:1 (average). Powerstown Educate Together National School endeavours to use the pupil teacher ratio as decided by the Department of Education as a guide.

In determining admissions, the Chairperson shall take account of Department of Education and Skills Regulations in relation to staffing schedule, class size and class average. The Chairperson shall also have regard to issues such as physical space, multi-grade classes, and the presence of children with additional needs.

Annually the Board of Management will discuss staffing schedule, class sizes and needs and decide on pupil teacher ratio for the academic year and minutes of same recorded.



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Appendix: Comparing Class and Grade Levels across Countries

All children must be 4 years of age BEFORE starting school in Powerstown Educate Together National School.

Our enrolment policy states that children must be 4 years of age on/before the 1st of June to enrol in Junior Infants

Please refer to Admissions Policy for further details.

Child's Age	Rep. of Ireland(Class/Year)	Northern Ireland	England (Year) & Wales	Scotland	U.S.A.(Grade)	Australia (Grade)	Cyprus	Greece	Poland	Romania	Portugal
4 – 5	Junior Infants	Year 1	Reception	Nursery	Pre-Kindergarten	Preschool	Preschool	Preschool			Preschool
5 – 6	Senior Infants	Year 2	1 (Key Stage 1)	P1	Kindergarten	Kindergarten(Primary)	Preschool	Preschool			Preschool
6 – 7	First Class	Year 3	2 (Key Stage 1)	P2	1	1 (Primary)	First Class	First Class		Primary Grade 1	First Class
7 – 8	Second Class	Year 4	3 (Key Stage 2)	P3	2	2 (Primary)	Second Class	Second Class	Primary Grade 1	Primary Grade 2	Second Class
8 – 9	Third Class	Year 5	4 (Key Stage 2)	P4	3	3 (Primary)	Third Class	Third Class	Primary Grade 2	Primary Grade 3	Third Class
9 – 10	Fourth Class	Year 6	5 (Key Stage 2)	P5	4	4 (Primary)	Fourth Class	Fourth Class	Primary Grade 3	Primary Grade 4	Fourth Class
10 – 11	Fifth Class	Year 7	6 (Key Stage 2)	P6	5	5 (Primary)	Fifth Class	Fifth Class	Primary Grade 4	Lower Secondary Grade 5	Fifth Class

11 – 12	Sixth Class	Year 8	7 (Key Stage 3)	P7	6	6 (Primary)	Sixth Class	Sixth Class	Primary Grade 5	Lower Secondary Grade 6	Sixth Class
12 – 13	Junior Cycle –First Year	Year 9	8 (Key Stage 3)	S1	7	7 (HighSchool)	Lower Secondary–First Year	Lower Secondary –First Year	Primary Grade 6	Lower Secondary Grade 7	SeventhClass
13 – 14	Junior Cycle –Second Year	Year 10	9 (Key Stage 3)	S2	8	8 (HighSchool)	Lower Secondary–Second Year	Lower Secondary –Second Year	Middle Gymnasium Grade 7	Lower Secondary Grade 8	Eighth Class
14 – 15	Junior Cycle –Third Year	Year 11	10 (Key Stage 4)	S3	9	9 (HighSchool)	Lower Secondary–Third Year	Lower Secondary –Third Year	Middle Gymnasium Grade 8	Lower Secondary Grade 9	Ninth Class
15 – 16	TransitionYear	Year 12	11 (Key Stage 4)	S4	10	10 (HighSchool)	Upper Secondary–First Year	Upper Secondary –First Year	Middle Gymnasium Grade 9	Lower Secondary Grade 10	Tenth Class
16 – 17	Fifth Year	Year 13	12 (Key Stage 4)	S5	11	11 (HighSchool)	Upper Secondary–Second Year	Upper Secondary –Second Year	Middle Vocational School	Secondary	EleventhClass
17 – 18	Sixth Year	Year 14	13 (Key Stage 4)	S6	12	12 (HighSchool)	Upper Secondary–Third Year	Upper Secondary –Third Year	Middle Vocational School	Secondary	Twelfth Class

<https://www.scholaro.com/pro/Countries>

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